THE GUEST FAMILY OF MELBOURNE’S SINCLAIR/INGLIS BLOODLINE

James Sinclair 1821-1893 = Elizabeth Inglis 1821-1877
James was born in Nunraw, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, son of George Sinclair 1788–1841 and Agnes Grieve 1791–1866

New Clan member John Guest is the third great grandson of James Sinclair (1821-1893) and Elizabeth Inglis 1821-1877 who married on April 13th 1849, in Garvald, East Lothian, Scotland. Elizabeth was the daughter of Richard Inglis (1782–1832) and Isabel Innes (1789–1854) of Tyninghame Links, East Lothian, Scotland.

The couple migrated to Melbourne, Colony of Victoria, with their infant children, arriving on ship Shackamaxon on January 18, 1853, after traveling through Port Adelaide. Elizabeth Sinclair is pictured below holding baby Jemma in 1866:

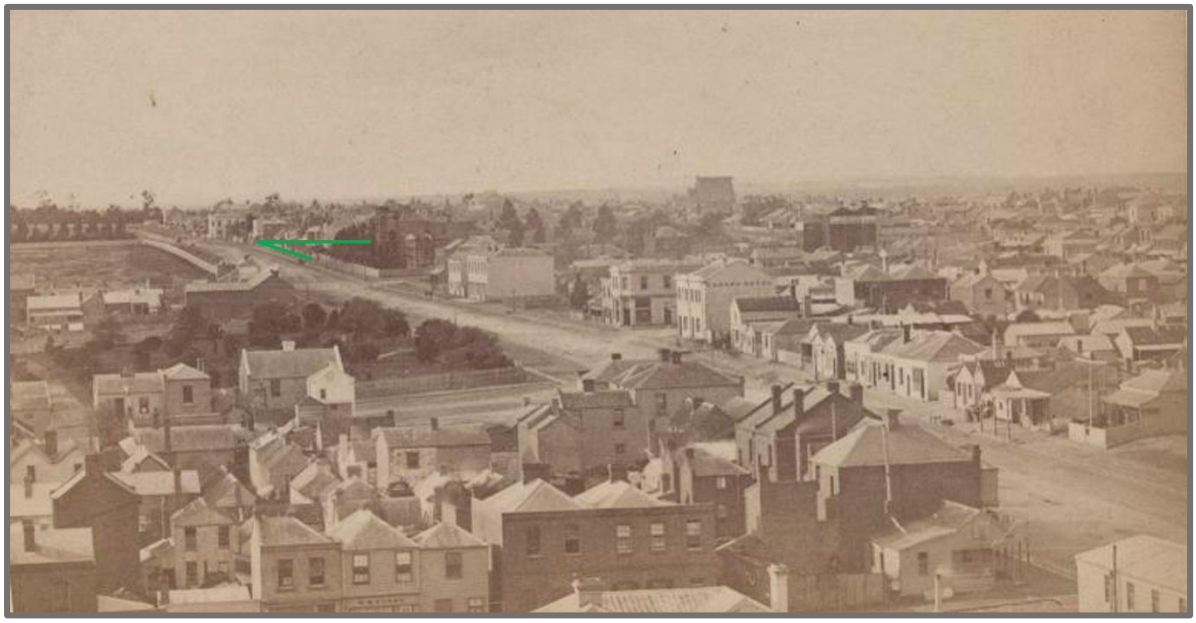
In Melbourne, James and Elizabeth reunited with James's brother, William Sinclair (1818-1892), who had arrived the previous year on the ship Carl of Derby. They also connected with their friend George Simmie (1828-1906), who reached Port Phillip Bay on October 11, 1852, aboard the ship Hibernia.

The Sinclair family established themselves as early pioneers in Carlton, settling on Madeline Street. James continued his work as a stonemason, constructing bluestone and later brick homes, often alongside George Simmie, who also built a home on Madeline Street.

George became a prominent figure in civil infrastructure, co-founding major firms and serving as MP. James remained with George's construction business and teamed up with George’s older brother, John Simmie (1823-1867), who was James's long-time friend.

Together, they built several enduring bluestone structures, including residential home, Link Cottage, and three cottages in Palmerston Place, one of which was occupied John and Ann Simmie, the adoptive great-great-grandparents of new Sinclair Clan member, John Guest.

The image below is attributed to Picture Victoria, SLV and the marked area depicts the intersection area of Madeline Street & Palmerston Place Carlton where the Sinclair & Simmie families lived:



William Sinclair (1818-1892), James’s elder brother, settled in Carlton and married Helen Walker (1832-1899) in Melbourne in 1854. They had a son, Dr. Thomas Walker Sinclair (1876-1932), who married Mary Simpson Robertson Sinclair (1881–1950), nee Ferguson, a Scottish photographer of note, known for her outstanding photographic work preserved by the British Museum. Thomas and Mary were avid travellers, and he passed away at sea in 1932 during one of their journeys. They resided in the Melbourne Mansion apartments in the city, and also at Berkley House, Hay Hill, London:

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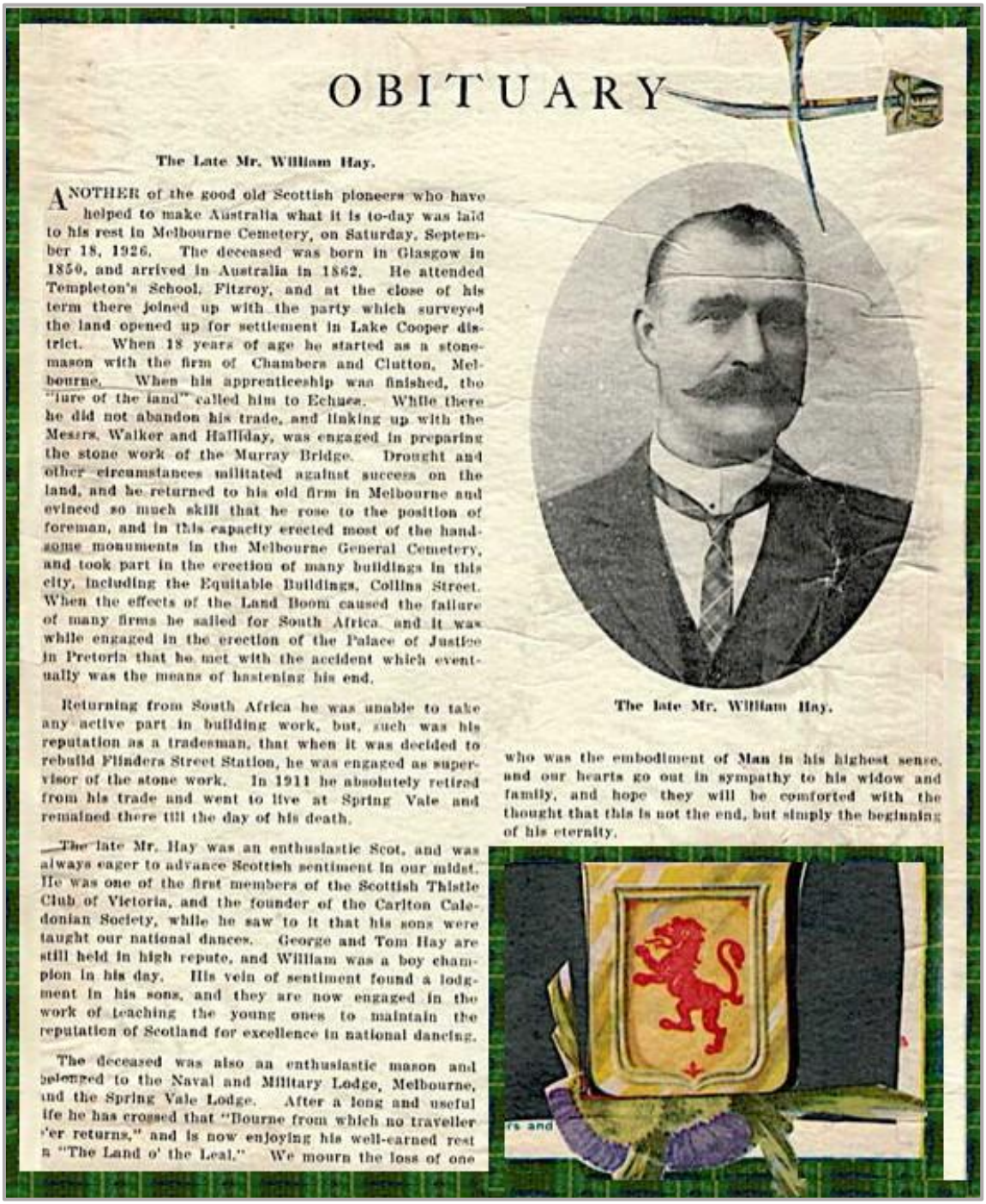
ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the late Mrs. MARY SIMPSON ROBERTSON FERGUSON or SINCLAIR (otherwise Mrs. T. WALKER SINCLAIR) Widow of Dr. Thomas Walker Sinclair, M.O.H. Melbourne, Australia and who resided latterly at Berkeley House, Hay Hill, London, are requested to lodge same with the subscribers within fourteen days from this date.

MACBRIDE, McGROUTHER & Co., Writers, 78 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2. Agents for the Deceased Testamentary Trustees. 24th March, 1950.

Through James and Elizabeth Sinclair, they had a daughter, Isabella Innes Hay (1856-1928), who married William Hay (1850-1926), the adopted son of John and Ann Simmie, nee Justice – Ann being William's biological aunt. William supervised the reconstruction of Flinders Street Railway Station from 1900 to 1910 among other important land mark stone carving/mason projects in Melbourne, Echuca and Pretoria, South Africa throughout his long career. He also founded the Carlton Caledonian Society and his sons were champion Scottish Dancers in the early part of the 120th Century (Refer below: Obituary for William Hay 1850-1926, The Scots Magazine, Melbourne, October, 1926):



OBITUARY

The Late Mr. William Hay.

ANOTHER of the good old Scottish pioneers who have helped to make Australia what it is to-day was laid to his rest in Melbourne Cemetery, on Saturday, September 18, 1926. The deceased was born in Glasgow in 1850, and arrived in Australia in 1862. He attended Templeton's School, Fitzroy, and at the close of his term there joined up with the party which surveyed the land opened up for settlement in Lake Cooper district. When 18 years of age he started as a stonemason with the firm of Chambers and Clutton, Melbourne. When his apprenticeship was finished, the "lure of the land" called him to Echuca. While there he did not abandon his trade, and linking up with the Messrs. Walker and Halliday, was engaged in preparing the stone work of the Murray Bridge. Drought and other circumstances militated against success on the land, and he returned to his old firm in Melbourne and evinced so much skill that he rose to the position of foreman, and in this capacity erected most of the handsome monuments in the Melbourne General Cemetery, and took part in the erection of many buildings in this city, including the Equitable Buildings, Collins Street. When the effects of the Land Boom caused the failure of many firms he sailed for South Africa, and it was while engaged in the erection of the Palace of Justice in Pretoria that he met with the accident which eventually was the means of hastening his end.

Returning from South Africa he was unable to take any active part in building work, but, such was his reputation as a tradesman, that when it was decided to rebuild Flinders Street Station, he was engaged as supervisor of the stone work. In 1911 he absolutely retired from his trade and went to live at Spring Vale and remained there till the day of his death.

The late Mr. Hay was an enthusiastic Scot, and was always eager to advance Scottish sentiment in our midst. He was one of the first members of the Scottish Thistle Club of Victoria, and the founder of the Carlton Caledonian Society, while he saw to it that his sons were taught our national dances. George and Tom Hay are still held in high repute, and William was a boy champion in his day. His vein of sentiment found a lodgment in his sons, and they are now engaged in the work of teaching the young ones to maintain the reputation of Scotland for excellence in national dancing.

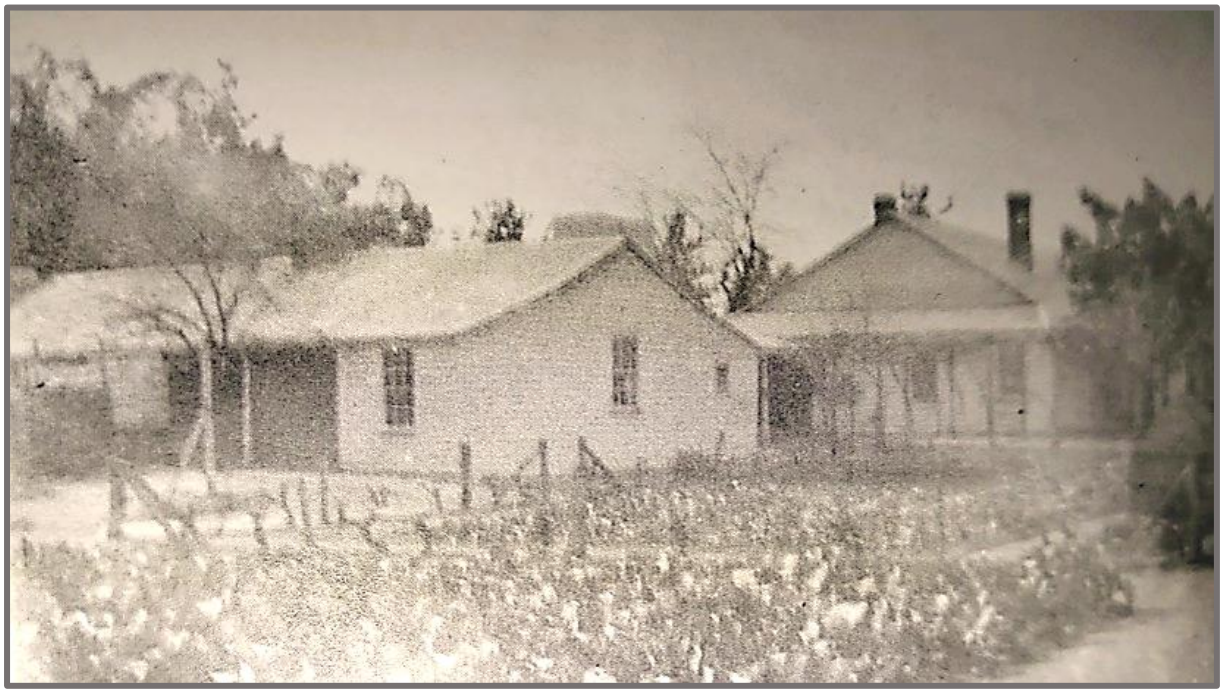
The deceased was also an enthusiastic mason and belonged to the Naval and Military Lodge, Melbourne, and the Spring Vale Lodge. After a long and useful life he has crossed that "Bourne from which no traveller ever returns," and is now enjoying his well-earned rest in "The Land o' the Leal." We mourn the loss of one who was the embodiment of **Man** in his highest sense, and our hearts go out in sympathy to his widow and family, and hope they will be comforted with the thought that this is not the end, but simply the beginning of his eternity.

The late Mr. William Hay.

William and Isabella Hay's son, James Sinclair Hay (1879-1928), born at George Simmie's Caledonia Creek Station in Echuca South. James married Violet Ethel Hallifax (1882-1955) - John Guest's great grandmother along the Hay-Hallifax line.

Violet's heritage, verified by the College of Arms (MS7D14/45, 16th December 1788), is traced back to Scotland during the time of the Conquest of England. Her husband, James Sinclair Hay 1879-1955 is pictured below aged about 15 years in 1885:

James Hay was born at Cornelia Creek Station, Echuca South, when his parents resided there during William's employment in Echuca and the Hay's living on his uncle, George Simmie (1828-1906)[1] [2] [3]Cornelia Creek Station property:



[1] George Simmie, Former Member of Victorian Parliament between 1889 and 1904. https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/members/george-simmie/

[2] Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate (Victoria: 1894 - 1955). Fri 30 Mar 1906, Page 5 Death of the Hon. G. Simmie.

[3] Parliament of Victoria, Minutes of Proceedings. https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/497532/contentassets/24e1072c0efa43779c64da8e214a6a79/lc_minutes_of_the_proceedings_1900_s2.pdf

Pictured below are the curator’s cousin, David Hay, and his son Noah, who bears a remarkable resemblance to their patrilineal ancestor James Hay:

The of James submitted previously was extracted from the family portrait submitted below. Isabella Innes Sinclair 1856-1928, of Ruthven Park, Lightwood Avenue, Spring Vale is found seated with infant child Christina Isabel Mills, 1884-1958, nee Hay:

The lineage of James and Elizabeth Sinclair, original pioneers of Madeline Street Carlton in 1852, continues to present-day, new members of the Sinclair Clan, John and Elizabeth Guest of Macleod, Victoria. The descending line of James and Elizabeth Sinclair, original pioneers of Madeline Street Carlton in 1854, is represented here, leading to present-day members of the Sinclair Clan, John and Elizabeth Guest of Macleod, Victoria.

GUEST'S OF MELBOURNE, SINCLAIR/INGLIS BLOODLINE

James Sinclair 1821-1893 = Elizabeth Inglis 1821-1877
Links Cottage, Madeline Street Carlton from 1853
3rd great-grandparents of Sinclair Clan member John Guest of Macleod, Victoria.

Isabella Innes Sinclair 1856-1928 = William Hay 1850-1926
Isabella, daughter of Elizabeth Inglis and James Sinclair
2nd great-grandparents

James Sinclair Hay 1879-1955 = Violet Ethel Hallifax 1882-1955
James, son of Isabella and William Hay
Great-grandparents

Augustus Hallifax Hay 1910-1985 = Emily F. M. McCardle 1909-1976
Augustus (Gus) son of James Sinclair Hay and Violet Ethel Hallifax
Grandparents

Norma Irene Hay 1932- = Jack Guest 1921-1987
Norma, daughter of Augustus Hallifax Hay and Emily Florence Matilda McCardle
Parents

John Lindsy Robert Guest = Elizabeth Ellen Jusic
John, son of Norma Irene Hay and Jack Guest

Robert Guest = Fiona Cummane
Robert son of John & Elizabeth

Harris Guest **Levi Guest**
Harris and Levi are the sons of Robert and Fiona Guest

James Sinclair 1821-1893, family pioneer patriarch first of the line in Melbourne, passed away in Miepoll, Euroa, on March 3, 1893, while visiting his son who resided on Sinclair's Road, Euroa. His remains were returned to Melbourne to be laid to rest alongside his wife, Elisabeth, and their infant daughter, also named Isabella Innis Sinclair 1852-1854. This name was given to John Guest's 2nd great grandmother two years after the death of her elder sister. The engraved memorial for the plot where James and Elizabeth Sinclair (née Inglis) rest reads:

> *"Sacred to the memory of Isabella Innes daughter of James & Elizabeth SINCLAIR born in Nunraw Haddingtonshire Scotland died in Melbourne 23 Feb 1854 age 15 mths also their son Richard Inglis died 14 Feb 1863 age 15 mths 28 days also their daughter Jemima Inglis died 24 May 1869 age 4 yr, 4 mths, 26 days also Elizabeth SINCLAIR wife of the above died 8 Jul 1877 age 56 also James SINCLAIR died at Euroa 3 Mar 1893 age 73."*

The original Sinclair and Sinclair-Walker pioneer settlers of Carlton, are interred in a small group of graves that includes the Guest families Hay and Simmie (née Justice) lineal ancestors families can be found in a small cluster of plots in the historic Scottish section of Melbourne General Cemetery. Sinclair & Walker members who are able to share their heritage are welcome and may wish to email the curator of the www.Heritage1066.com virtual library and museum: johnguest@heritage1066.com

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